

St. Louis and Leavenworth, which is understandable. There have been a series of dis-
-asterous intrusions into the case by Stoner and Jerry, who may or may not be under influence
in it. After the most recent two I really unloaded on him, violently and at length, without
even taking time to put my thoughts together and with no expurgation. He took it so well
it astounded me. No protest at all. Bud, who can't be trusted with anything, has never
made any effort to cope with any of this. He is much too anxious to hold onto the case in
his quest for a fame he can't buy and can't otherwise earn. As best one can by remote,
I've tried to cope with this. I've told Jerry that Schoolfield is a big crook, but he
pals it off as prejudice because of his politics. It may or may not be important for him
to know the details. Sch. was brought in for a delicacy by Stoner, when Stoner theoretically
was out and staying out. We'll have until after the 10th. because it will not be until at
least then before Jerry can be back in Chicago. I can never be sure how these strange
people will reason, if the process can be failed reason with them. As of now I have a
hunch that it might do good in a number of ways for both James and Jerry to fully under-
stand the kind of judgement Stoner has and the kind of consequences it can bring. Sch can
be another example. So, I'd like Jerry to see that file and probably afterward I'd like
James to have it. Jerry could send it with a note saying I thought he might find it of
a little interest, or I could send it. Jim, disgusted at Bud, finally took the bull by
the horns last week after I reported the last two stupidities to him. He was to have
called James - something he has never done - and told him to clamp all those flapping
jaws or else. But it is a horse-barn-door situation already. This insanity that has never
stopped and about which Bud has never done anything has just cost two important witnesses
in the hearing. Bud has also done no work at all. Jim and I have done that, with only
the prevention of things that had to be done by Bud. He and Jim are barely talking now,
it is that bad, and if Bud didn't know a damned thing about the case and won't take
time to learn I'd have been entirely out before now. As it is, my understanding with Jim
is that I'd help through the preparation of the petition and after that I'd see. As of now
I have an enormous amount of entirely unpaid work invested in this, Jim has done the
same thing for several months, and we neither can trust Bud for anything. It took Jim too
long to come to this realization. Now that he has, I think, out of a sense of public
obligation, he'll stick for six months anyway. When we are together I can tell you more
if you want to know. You should have detected my attitude when you were here and it is not
changed, nor is there basis for it. Bud does only bad things and thinks they are good
because of his Garrisonian paranoia. In any event, the situation is very bad, one of the
bad things that have to be contended with is these crazy statements by Stoner et al and
Jerry under, I think, his/their influence and James' faith in those rabid ones, thus on
the chance, perhaps remote, the desire for Jerry and James to have the detail on Schoolfield.
If you haven't time, I'll make copies from my copies, but they'll not be as clear, and I
think it would be very good for Jerry to read them in the presence of an experienced person
who can explain why Sch has to be a very bad guy. I have told Jerry that if he makes another
single public statement, even on the weather, without an ok from one of the lawyers, I'm
out, staying out, and none of the work I've not given Jim will ever be available to James.
Incidentally, I also mean it. I'll be speaking to Lesar soon. If he is going to see James
anytime soon it might be better if he hands James the clippings, not to attract interest
by the censors to the Schoolfield connection, which they may not know yet. Thanks HW 2/26.73